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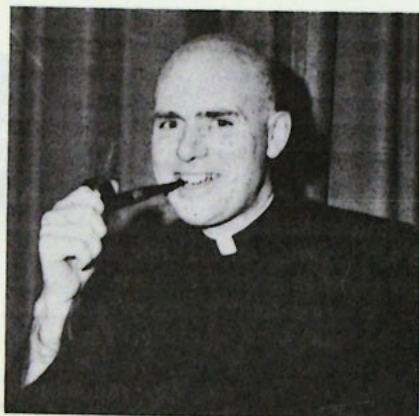
Dear Doctor,

We express our gratitude to you on the
Feast of St. Luke — patron saint of physicians —
for the very important part you take in caring
for Christ's sick — for your cooperation on
our medical team —

Sincerely,

The Sisters and Personnel

From Our Chaplain



In September of this year at the regularly monthly meeting with new employees at which I talk on the subject of hospital ethics, I finished my talk and then opened the meeting for questions. One of the participants in the meeting asked me just what the work of the hospital chaplain is here at St. Cloud Hospital. After listening to her questions and the questions of other people who were at this meeting, I decided that it might be well in one of these monthly articles of the "Beacon Light" to insert a description of what services we offer at the hospital.

First of all, I would like to say that pastoral care is available in St. Cloud Hospital to all patients. Chaplains of many denominations visit our hospital regularly. As far as the patients are concerned, if you encounter anyone who has not been called on and wishes to be, or who would like to receive any of the sacraments or the rites of his church you should instruct him to tell the nurse.

As far as our schedule is concerned, we plan on visiting the floors of the hospital each evening. We do this with the purpose of allowing patients to receive the sacrament of Penance if they wish to and this also gives us an opportunity of welcoming them to the hospital. After

this has been accomplished we are available for any call or any emergencies that may exist at any time during the twenty-four hours of the day.

Then it might be well to mention something here about the schedule of services that are available to patients, relatives and employees in the hospital. The hospital day begins with six o'clock Mass. In the afternoon at a quarter of five there will also be a Mass which is available for those people who are going off duty at this time. Once again, these services are open to anyone who wishes to use them.

On Sunday the schedule for Masses is somewhat different. We have early morning Mass at six o'clock, Mass at a quarter of eight and then a Mass at four in the afternoon. This four o'clock Mass is primarily for the employees of the hospital and at their request at a time when the day shift is going off duty.

During the week we have devotions at different times, morning and evening prayers are offered each day over the public address system. On Sunday afternoon, as a rule, the devotions are 1:30 p.m. in the chapel. This is a brief period of prayer followed by recitation of the Divine Office by the Sisters and anyone is most welcome to attend this service.

During the week, every Wednesday and Saturday, there will be prayers in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity for people to receive the sacrament of Penance at this time. During the month of October devotions are held nightly in the hospital chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Our hospital chapel is located on the north wing of the first floor of the hospital and it is open to employees, patients, their families and friends at

outside the hospital, they should feel free to tell them that the hospital chaplains would be happy to help them in any way that they possibly can.

Looking back over some of the events of this past month, we notice the annual report of the hospital which was given to the members of the staff and noted with great interest and admiration the very beautiful and inspiring message that was given by Mother Henrita. "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.....Is He the end to which all of our efforts are being directed? If not, we are laboring in vain! Unless our bigger hospital is also a better one, filled with Christ-like Sisters, doctors, nurses and supporting staff, the growth of our plant will have been in vain....I ask all of you to join me in prayer that the steps we take and the decisions we make will bear witness to the fact that it is the Lord who builds and directs this good and long-awaited undertaking."

In the month of October we observe the feast of St. Luke who is the patron saint of doctors, nurses and all ancillary medical people who assist in the care of the sick. So it behooves us all on the feast of the great evangelist to ask his prayers for us and for each one of us to try to follow the example of his life in our devotion to Christ's sick.

A new program for the education of licensed practical nurses has begun this fall. We will see these young ladies in pink uniforms going around the hospital; it is a good thing to see these enthusiastic young people in our halls and I would like, in behalf of myself and Father Pekarski, to welcome them and I know that the rest of the members of the hospital family are happy to see them here. We wish them a very successful career.

Father Riley

From Our Administrator

Seventy-eight physicians practicing medicine in our hospital make up its medical staff. As a member of the medical staff the doctor has the privilege of admitting patients to the hospital when they need the services only the hospital can provide. He writes the orders for tests and treatments, medications and any special care that the patient may need. Patients can be admitted to or discharged from a hospital only on the order of his attending physician.



From the beginning of his education a very close association exists between the doctor and the hospital. This association begins early in a physician's education as he receives his clinical training in a hospital as a medical student, as an intern and, perhaps as a resident in one of the medical specialties. A physician's education is an on-going one. Through participation in discussions, formal meetings and other activities the doctor keeps pace with the rapid expansion of medical knowledge which benefits all patients in the hospital.

Through committees and individually the doctor works closely with the hospital administration and with every hospital department for the improvement of patient care. All doctors practicing in the hospital are accountable to their colleagues on the medical staff for the medical care of patients. The committees of the medical staff meet regularly to review the quality of care given to patients. This responsibility is delegated to the medical staff by the hospital governing board which appoints medical staff members and is responsible for setting the broad policies under which the hospital functions.

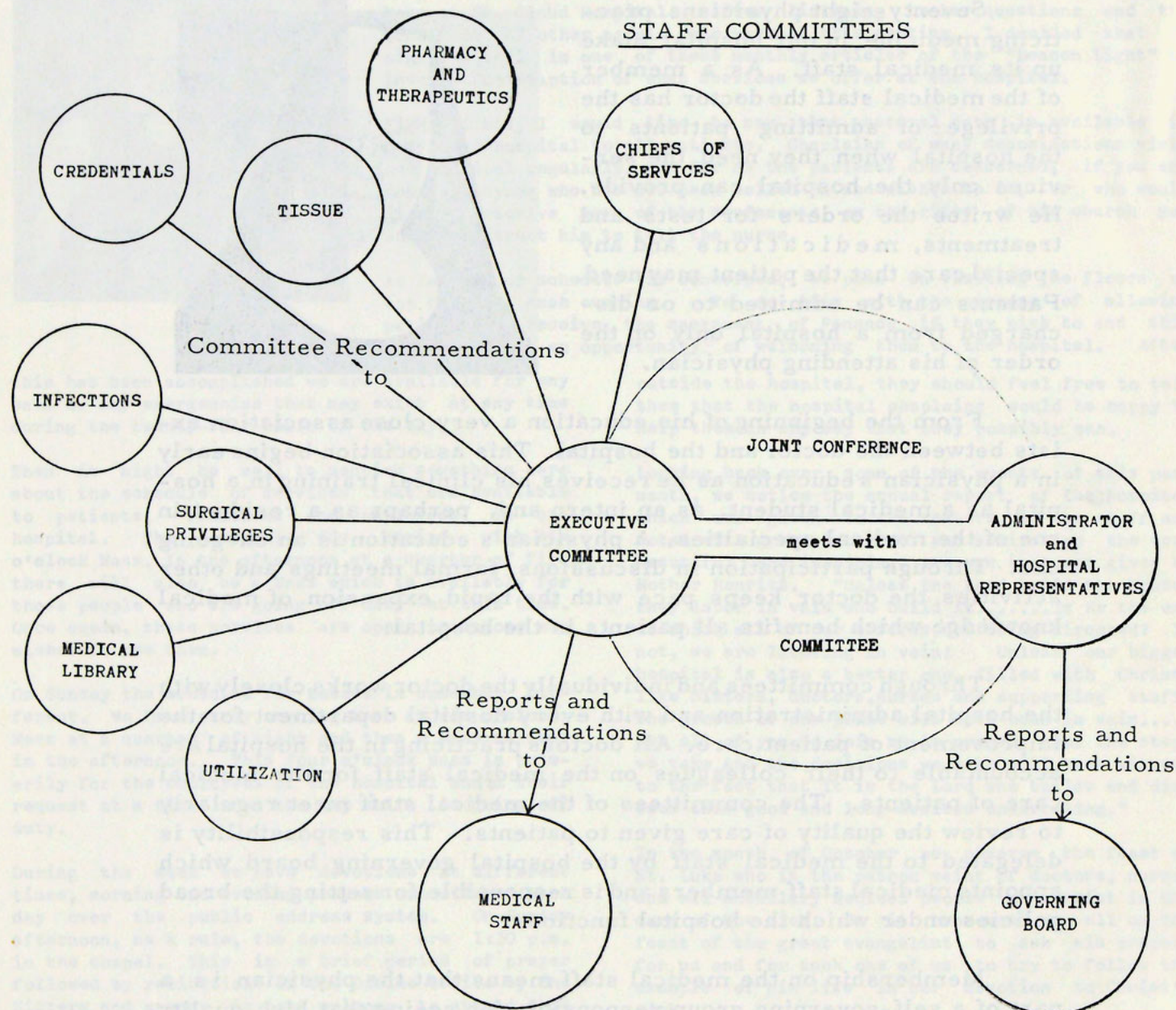
Membership on the medical staff means that the physician is a part of a self-governing group responsible for seeing that high quality medical care is given to all patients in the hospital.

Sister M. J. ...

Our Doctors' Story

MEDICAL STAFF ORGANIZATION -- 1966

STAFF COMMITTEES



What is a doctor? We think that we are fully justified in saying that he is a modern counterpart of the Good Samaritan, a man who sacrifices personal convenience and contributes of himself to take care of the sick and injured. While competent medical attention bare of human understanding would meet some of

their needs, doctors demonstrate daily their tremendous respect for the healing value of kindness, serenity, charity and humor when they are added to diagnostic and therapeutic competence.

The doctors on our Medical Staff are accepted as members by the Governing

Board of the hospital after they make formal application and are recommended for membership by the doctors already on the staff. Each applicant is required to have the qualifications for membership stated in the Bylaws of the Medical Staff. He must be a graduate of an approved medical school, legally licensed to practice in the State of Minnesota, competent and of unquestionable professional and moral integrity. In addition he must indicate a willingness to cooperate with the administrator and other physicians.

As a member of the hospital's Medical Staff, the doctor is concerned and interested that all patients admitted to the hospital receive the best possible care. In addition to the personal responsibility each one has for his own patients, he participates actively on committees whose object is improvement in the quality of patient care by group action. The St. Cloud Hospital Medical Staff has three committees with a membership of from seven to ten doctors that meet monthly and four committees that meet quarterly for this purpose. Reports and recommendations are made to the entire Medical Staff at their quarterly meetings. As a member, also, and especially if he is chief of a service, he provides leader-

ship for hospital personnel and assists the hospital in husbanding its professional and physical resources.

The doctors serve the hospital and community in many other ways. They lecture in the hospital's schools of nursing, anesthesiology, x-ray technology and medical technology. They are called upon for counsel by professional organizations and are found on the Advisory Boards of many community organizations concerned with health or with another aspect of human need. They appear often as speaker on the programs of local organizations, volunteer many hours of work to immunization programs in schools, provide medical care for the indigent, and spend a very considerable amount of time on professional reading and attending educational meetings and postgraduate courses in order to bring the advantages of the advances in medicine to the community.

Currently there are seventy-eight doctors on this hospital's Medical Staff. We appreciate them and we hope they will continue to work with us in serving the community for many years to come.

(In succeeding issues of the "Beacon Light" you will be introduced to each of the Medical Staff Committees and their functions.)

Grant us, we pray, O Lord, through these heavenly gifts to serve you with freedom of mind, so that the offerings which we make to you, by the intercession of your blessed evangelist Luke, may work in us both for healing and for glory.

--Prayer over the Gifts
Mass in Honor of St. Luke

Neighbors -- Coffee -- Cookies



Sister "Printer" Josella
chats with "Neighbor"
H.J. Knevel

The "Associates" tell us that they have produced over 1,100,000 units of printed matter in their short history. Among these items are the patient bulletin, "The Little Beacon," The St. Cloud School of Nursing brochure, the School of Medical Technology bulletin, "Preparing Your Child for the Hospital" brochure, department manuals and patient menus (from which a sizeable financial saving is effected). Included in the Print Shop services are printing, cutting, folding, assembling, stapling or padding of the varied material submitted for reproduction.

As you look around the Print Shop you can see the new Xerox machine, the paper cutter, the offset machine, and the engraving machine which makes personnel name pins. Even though these machines produce the product, the quality of the reproductions is to the credit of a person, our printer, Sister Josella. She passes the compliments on by stating, "This can only be achieved by the cooperation of all the 'Associates'."

"Happy birthday to us," resonated down the basement corridor as the Print Shop Associates celebrated their first anniversary. The Print Shop neighbors stopped in to sip a cup of freshly brewed coffee, to munch delicious home-made cookies and to converse enjoyably with one another. Together they recalled how the shop "grewed." They pointed out specifically that the ready availability of the equipment for reproductions has met both urgencies and emergencies for obtaining the products in a short period of time. Department heads reiterated the praise of this service.



Some of the "Associates" and neighbors paused long enough to be "snapped" by the photographer.



We find these three hospital employees in a world of real make-believe, removed as far as possible from their serious workaday world of caring for the sick. Bonnie Sakry, Laboratory Aide, as Hansel; Lynn Anderson, Surgical Aide, as the cat (really a little girl who has been bewitched), and Jan Fouquette, L. P. N., as Gretel, appeared in Theatre St. Cloud's most recent production, "Hansel and Gretel". This children's play, with an adult cast, was presented at Tech High's South Auditorium on September 29 and 30 and October 1.

Under the auspices of the St. Cloud Recreation Department, Theatre St. Cloud offers to anyone who might be interested an opportunity for a taste of theatre life. In addition to acting, there are many other facets of theatre such as make-up, costumes, lighting, stage sets, directing, or the non-glamorous aspects of which the average person is hardly aware--such as publicity, ticket sales, and properties.

Other hospital employees who are members of Theatre St. Cloud are John Augustine, X-Ray Orderly, and Mrs. Pernina Burke, Pathology Secretary.

Lynn Anderson also participated in the production of "Craig's Wife" in May of this year, performing very creditably as the maid, and Mrs. Burke starred in the title role of that production.

Doctor D. C. Heckman is also a member of Theatre St. Cloud. He performed magnificently in the starring role as a psychiatrist in "The Curious Savage" early this year.



All Theatre St. Cloud members agree: This hobby is a far cry from their daily work, that it is a gratifying, exciting experience to produce a good play, and like any job worth doing, it takes teamwork to put it over.

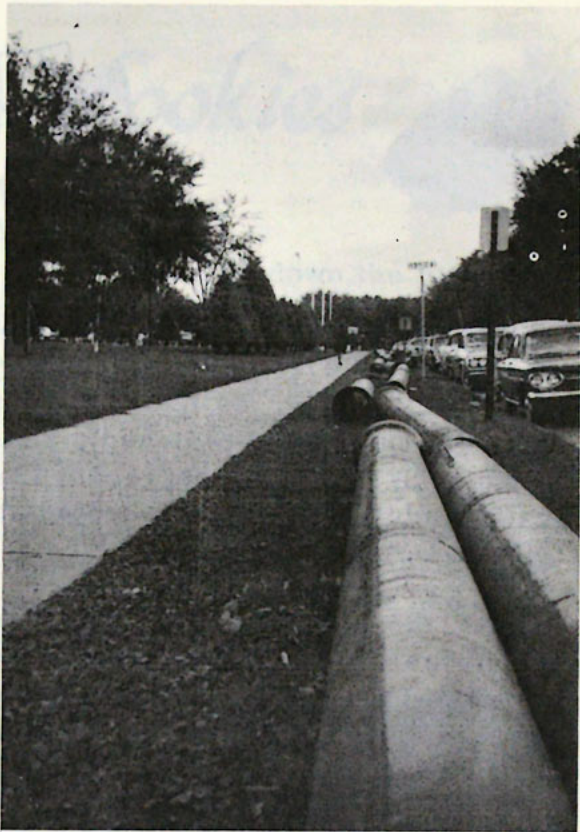
A spokesman for Theatre St. Cloud states that new members are always welcome, and details may be obtained from members of Theatre St. Cloud, or by calling the Civic Center.

TO MEET A NEED CREATES ANOTHER -----

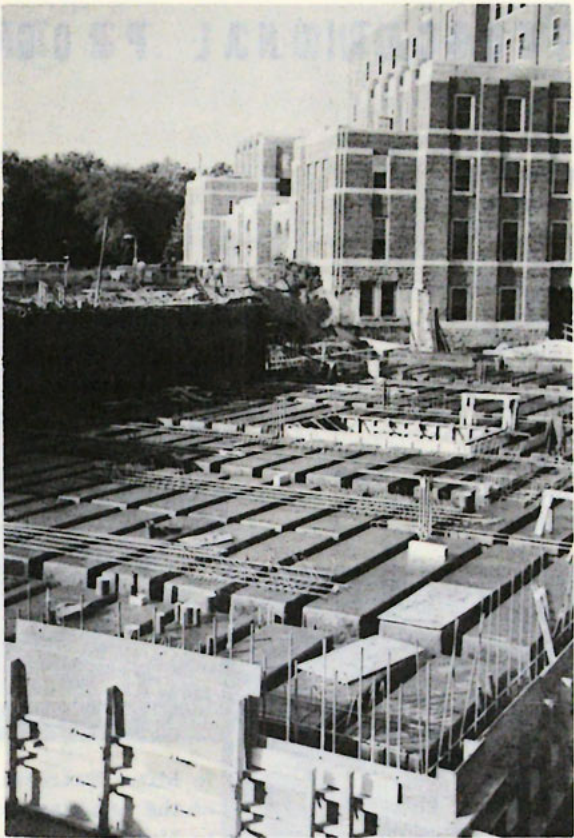
Like a chain reaction, the effort to meet a basic need almost invariably creates other needs. The truth of this simple statement of logic has been proven in several ways in the hospital construction program now in full swing. The decision to build an addition to St. Cloud Hospital came from the need for more facilities. This, in turn, created the need for more of many things not directly related to patient care -- like more telephone lines, more steam and heat, more electricity, and much more water.

Up till now, almost all of the hospital's water has been supplied by its own system from a well sunk in the river bank. Because of the substantial increase in water demand brought on by expansion of the hospital, the well could not possibly meet the need. So the only answer was to turn to the city for its entire water supply. And in order to meet the tremendous increase in demand for water for the hospital, the city had to increase the size of the water main from its plant to the hospital area.

All this has now been accomplished and before long, a wider Sixth Avenue will be repaved and back to normal again, the end of a chain reaction that began with the need for more hospital services for patients.



Lined up on the hospital side of the Sixth Avenue boulevard are the new ten-inch water mains now resting beneath the street ready to meet the water demands of the hospital and residents in the area.



An interesting view of the deck of the first floor

BUILDING BLOCKS

"With a little bit of luck," ideal construction weather, hard work, and generous cooperation, the construction on the main building is progressing three to four weeks beyond its schedule. Indeed, this is good news. All lights have been "green" and all crews have been in "full swing." Delays in areas have been minimal and insignificant. This is what we heard at a recent Thursday morning TEAM CONFERENCE.

Nurses are not the only people using the TEAM concept to accomplish goals. At the weekly TEAM CONFERENCE each TEAM LEADER (representatives of the various contractors--concrete, sheet metal, plumbing, electricity) and representatives of the hospital give an up-to-the-day report on its respective progress and a picture of what is to happen the coming week. Cooperation and team work are assured when such information is available. A certain "manly" give and take is an obvious element which makes for frankness, clarity, and understanding. A job must be done so the TEAM works together to accomplish the task.

Since publication of the September BEACON LIGHT, project progress has been made above and below the ground.

- * Concrete walls and the first deck of the new addition have been poured.
- * Concrete foundation and walls for the laundry addition have been poured.
- * Wiring and plumbing have been completed in the new service tunnel and the section of the old tunnel in the excavated portion of the new addition has been demolished and removed.
- * The temporary ambulance entrance in the back service court has been put into use.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Mary Lauer	Nurse Aide	3 North
Dennis Lutterman	Physical Therapist	Physical Therapy
Sandra Nelson	LPN	2 South
Mrs. JoAnn Watkins	LPN	2 South
Mrs. Susan Klein, R.N.	Staff Nurse	3 North
Cynthia Moses	LPN	3 South
Mrs. Jovita Neal, R.N.	Staff Nurse	Delivery Room
Mrs. Evelyn Latterell	Dishroom Operator	Dietary
Ann Lammersen	Physical Therapy Aide	Physical Therapy
John Thibault	Supply Clerk	Central Service
Margaret Tamm	LPN	1 South
Donna Klang	LPN	2 North
Catherine Lauer	LPN	3 South
Carol Barthelemy	LPN	4 North
Dolores Voit	LPN	4 South
Mrs. Evelyn Boelz, R.N.	Staff Nurse	3 North
Bradford Thoreson	Pharmacist	Pharmacy
Mrs. Dorothy Patton	Night Clerk	Business Office
Mrs. Frances Gaida	Hostess	Administration
Maureen Maurer	Housekeeping Aide	Housekeeping
Mrs. Helen Rymer	Hostess	Administration
Mrs. Jeanne Eveslage, R.N.	Staff Nurse	Float
Mrs. Nancy Coleman, R.N.	Staff Nurse	4 South

(NEW EMPLOYEES continued)

Prudy Ederhoff	Dishroom Aide	Dietary
Mrs. Genevieve Berns	LPN	5 North
Teresa Anacker	LPN	3 South
Mrs. Corinne Payne, R.N.	Staff Nurse	5 North
Mrs. Harriet Lahr	Relief Cafeteria Cashier	Dietary
Lynn Anderson	Department Aide	Surgery
Isabelle Schmidt	General Office Cashier	Business Office
James Podawiltz	Transportation Aide	X-Ray
Mary Ellen Jansen	Nurse Aide	2 South
Judith Kerzman	Nurse Aide	4 North
Beth Feldhege	Nurse Aide	4 North
Janel Hinnenkamp	Nurse Aide	4 North
Mary Stacken	Nurse Aide	4 North
Karen Mertens	Nurse Aide	3 South
Mrs. Dianne Popp	Nurse Aide	1 South
Carole Ostendorf	Nurse Aide	3 North

NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL

The St. Cloud Practical Nursing Program is under the auspices of the newly opened St. Cloud Area Vocational-Technical School located on Ninth Avenue, just a few blocks from the hospital. The Practical Nursing Program is one of several programs offered by the school. Financial funds were obtained for the school and nursing students through the federal Manpower Development and Training Act. The hospital serves as the major cooperating agency.

Clinical experience includes a preclinical period followed by twenty weeks of medical-surgical nursing, ten weeks of maternal and child health nursing which includes four weeks in pediatric nursing and six weeks in obstetric nursing, and four weeks of psychiatric nursing. All clinical experiences are provided at St. Cloud Hospital except psychiatric nursing which will be provided by the St. Cloud Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Coordination of clinical experience was discussed and planned in advance by Miss Wick and Sister Leonelle, Director of the St. Cloud School of Nursing for professional nursing students. An Advisory Committee, including medical staff and nursing representation as well as hospital representation, assisted in setting up the program.

Inquiries regarding the program may be addressed to Miss Patricia Wick.



Miss Patricia Wick R.N., Coordinator of the program, is a graduate of Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing in St. Paul and of the University of Minnesota. She has had five years of experience in the instruction of practical nurses at Bethesda Hospital in addition to several years of experience in general nursing.

Classes opened for thirty-two students in practical nursing on Tuesday, September 6. Classes are held in the school and clinical experience is provided in the hospital. The students appeared in their bright pink uniforms for the first time on Monday, October 10.

The perky nursing cap worn by the students was designed by Miss Patricia Wick, Coordinator of the program, who was admittedly influenced in her choice by the caps worn in New York which she admired during her recent nursing experience there. The cap bears a pink velvet stripe during the student year. This is replaced by the Licensed Practical Nurse insignia upon graduation and successful completion of the licensure exams.

The nursing program is a twelve-month (forty eight week) program and prepares the graduate to be a beginning practitioner in practical nursing.

The program is open to male students and to married students. Applicants must have completed high school or the equivalent and must successfully complete pre-entrance tests.

The graduate is eligible to take the licensure exams in the State of Minnesota and may be licensed in other states by reciprocity. In some areas of the country she is identified as a Vocational Nurse rather than a Practical Nurse.



Miss Carolyn Johnson, R.N., came to St. Cloud after a year of experience as instructor in practical nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul. Miss Johnson, a graduate of Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis and of the University of Minnesota, had a variety of nursing experience before accepting the challenge of practical nursing students.



Miss Sandra Hill, R.N., who completes the three-nurse team, is a graduate of Northwestern Hospital School of Nursing, Minneapolis. After several years of experience in general nursing, she is enjoying this first contact with students as their instructor.

Our Credit Union Story

WOULD YOU LEND MONEY TO A FRIEND?

...if you knew you could get it back
at any time?

...if you knew you could get a fair
rate of interest?

...if you were offered life insurance
equal to the loan as a bonus on the
dividend?

...if you could be sure your money
was safe as well as profitable?

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO DO IT!

Dozens of people come into your credit
union office -- friends of yours -- members
of the credit union.

They want money. Good, clean, solid
loans.

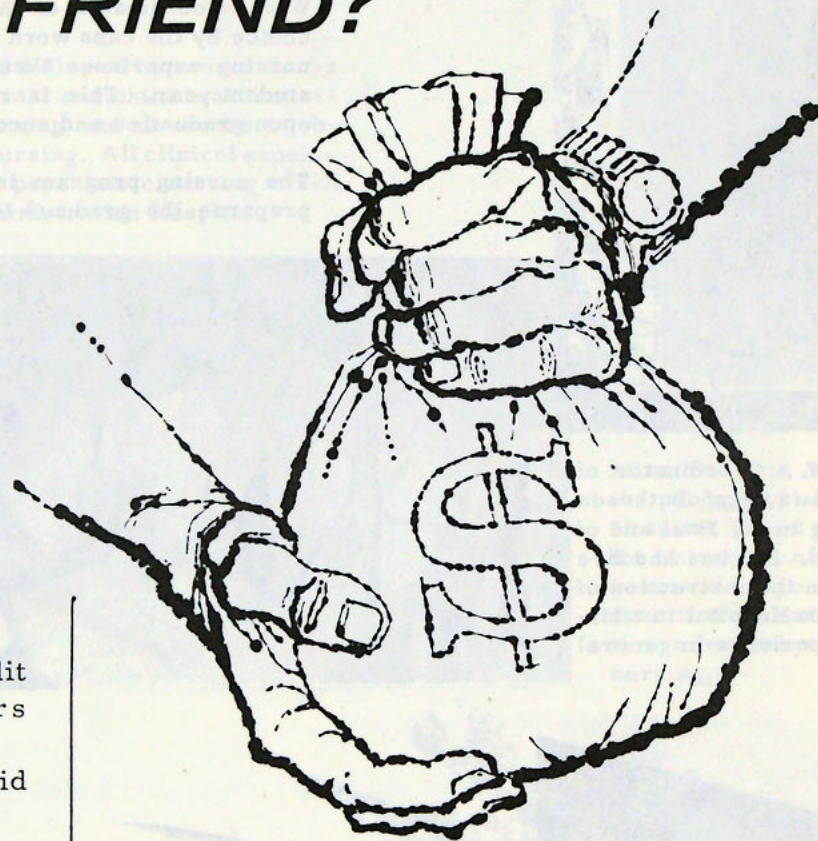
They want to buy cars, TV sets, boats,
radios, clothes, furniture.

They want to pay medical bills, for
their dental work. They want to clean up
old bills.

THEY WANT TO SAVE THE VERY
SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CREDIT UNION FINANCING AND THE
COST OF LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL
LENDERS!

The credit union is a two-way street.
Members must put money into it before
they can borrow money out of it.

Limited saving means limited lending.
Before we can expand the credit union's
power to lend, we must have more mem-
ber savings!



YOU NEED SAVINGS in credit union
shares. They are safe, profitable, ready
when you need them. For most members
they are matched by life insurance provided
without charge!

TO SAVE IS EASY-become a member
of the credit union and, by signing a pay-
roll deduction slip, the amount designated
will automatically be taken from your earn-
ings and added to your credit union account!

Your officers will be happy to furnish
you with any information you desire--their
names are posted on the Credit Union Bul-
letin Board if you are not familiar with
them.

SAINT CLOUD HOSPITAL FACT SHEET

Comparison of Statistics for Fiscal Years 1956 and 1966

	1956	1966	Increase or (Decrease)	
			Amount	Percent
IN-PATIENTS CARED FOR:				
Adults and Children	12,203	14,675	2,472	20%
Newborn	2,176	1,945	(231)	(11%)
All In-Patients	14,379	16,620	2,241	16%
OUT-PATIENTS CARED FOR:				
Emergency Patients		4,195		
Other Visits (X-Ray, Lab., etc.)	11,164	21,813		
All Out-Patients	11,164	26,008	14,844	133%
TOTAL PATIENTS CARED FOR:	25,543	42,628	17,085	67%
TOTAL IN-PATIENT DAYS:				
Adults and Children	80,437	96,303	15,866	20%
Newborn	9,524	8,320	(1,204)	(13%)
All Patient Days	89,961	104,623	14,662	16%
AVERAGE LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY:				
Adults and Children	7 Days	6.6 Days	(.4)	(6%)
Newborn	4 Days	4 Days		
AVERAGE DAILY PATIENT CENSUS:				
Adults and Children	220	264	44	20%
Newborn	26	23	(3)	(12%)
BEDS AVAILABLE:				
Adults and Children	300	300		
Newborn Bassinets	45	45		
PER CENT OF OCCUPANCY:				
Adults and Children	73%	88%	15%	21%
Newborn	52%	51%	(1%)	(2%)
SEX AND GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION:				
Male Patients	5,575	6,584	1,009	18%
Female Patients	8,804	10,036	1,232	14%
From Saint Cloud	6,908	7,623	715	10%
From Surrounding Areas	7,471	8,997	1,526	20%
SURGICAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED:	6,693	8,829	2,136	32%
ANESTHETICS GIVEN:	6,095	8,331	2,236	37%
BABIES BORN -- TOTAL:	2,176	1,945	(231)	(11%)
Twin Births	34	19	(15)	(44%)
Triplet Births	0	1	1	100%
LABORATORY PROCEDURES:	83,541	260,180	176,639	211%
Lab Procedures per Patient	3+	6+	3	100%
X-RAY PROCEDURES:	29,993	44,848	14,855	50%
X-Ray Procedures per Patient	1+	1+	0	0
PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED:	60,590	196,731	136,141	225%
Prescriptions per Patient	2+	5	3	150%
PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENTS:	8,778	27,795	19,017	217%
FOOD SERVICE:				
Total Meals Served	606,998	584,566	(22,432)	(4%)
Daily Average	1,659	1,602	(57)	(3%)

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	1956	1966	Increase or (Decrease)	
			Amount	Percent
STUDENTS ENROLLED:				
School of Nursing	157	144	(13)	(8%)
School of Anesthesia	7	4	(3)	(43%)
School of X-Ray Technology	13	19	6	46%
School of Medical Technology	6	14	8	133%
Total Enrollment	183	181	(2)	(1%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITAL PERSONNEL:				
Full Time Sister and Lay **	421	556	135	32%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$1,713,260	\$4,222,600	\$2,509,340	146%
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS:				
Salaries and Wages	\$1,199,695	\$2,606,585	\$1,406,890	117%
Fringe Benefits	239,940	490,415	250,475	104%
Total Personnel Costs	\$1,439,635	\$3,097,000	\$1,657,365	115%
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS:				
Per Patient Day	\$21.30	\$43.85	\$22.55	106%
Per Calendar Day	\$4,694	\$11,569	\$6,875	146%
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS:				
Per Patient Day	\$17.90	\$32.16	\$14.26	80%
Per Calendar Day	\$3,947	\$8,485	\$4,538	115%

** Part-Time Converted to Equivalent Full Time

INSIGHT INTO PSYCHIATRY

"Great horizons, challenges and insights" describes the course in Introduction to Psychiatry currently being attended by approximately 25 hospital nursing personnel. The class is conducted by Dr. D. Carter, M.D., psychiatrist, associated with the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center. The course began its ten-week schedule on September 7, meeting weekly on Wednesday nights from 8 - 10 P.M. at North Junior High School.

Essentially a survey course, it covers various psychiatric disabilities and treatments, stressing the functions of the psychiatric team members. Participants are enthusiastic and feel they are obtaining a greater insight into methods of rehabilitation, personal refinement of counseling ability and a deeper understanding of the patient in preparation for future projected psychiatric nursing.

Special thanks are extended to Miss Rotnem, Technical High School Nurse, and the other persons responsible for promoting the course.

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS....

Mrs. Carole Miller, R.T. - Assistant Chief - X-Ray to School Supervisor in X-Ray
Edwin Kremers - Chef Trainee to Relief Chef

UNITED IN CHRIST

Kay Monarski to Donald Waldorf
Rita Weihs to Marvin Condon
Janice Murray, R.N. to Richard Furcht
Shirley Knese to Bruce Weis

The Auxilian

Fall is here, the new officers have been installed, and the Hospital Auxiliary is back to work. The women in the cheery cherry colored smocks and pinafores can be seen pushing the wheelchair patients to and from x-ray or physical therapy, greeting the visitors at the hostess desk in the lobby until 1:00 P.M., assisting in the admitting office, or in any of the many other spots where they can be useful.



Seated: left to right

Mrs. R. A. Grothe, outgoing President
Mrs. Lawrence Hall, President
Mrs. Ervin Randall, Vice-president
Mrs. Arthur Gerber, Secretary

Standing: left to right

Mrs. Valerie Meinz, Treasurer
Mrs. Richard Kline, Director of Volunteers

But we're busy outside the hospital, too. We're still making puppets for pediatrics, and we're still making tray favors for the eight holidays. This time of year, however, finds us especially busy, for we're planning our fruit cake sale. Although we are mainly a service organization, we do want to raise funds for the hospital. Last year we sold 1905 pounds of fruit cake and cleared \$569.80, which went toward the cardioverter. This year will you help us make more money? We're putting in our "plug" now so all the readers of the Beacon Light will be alerted. When our delicious fruit cakes go on sale in November we know you'll be ready to help us top last year's sale.

THE SUPERVISOR AS A TRAINER

The third series of the Management Improvement Program was initiated last spring as a part of the ongoing process of development of supervisory skills at Saint Cloud Hospital. One of the most important and vital duties of the supervisor is the training and re-training of employees. Through taped lectures, assignments, and group discussion the supervisors gained a better understanding of their training responsibilities and how these responsibilities can best be met.

This program is again available to all supervisory personnel. Anyone who is interested in improving his skill as a trainer should contact the Personnel Department for further information.

To You From Our Mailbox



STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
806 Second Street North
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Mr. Tom McLaughlin, Personnel Director
St. Cloud Hospital
North 6th Avenue
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Last week I visited a girl in your hospital (room 325) who had been transferred to St. Cloud from a hospital in another town. During my entire visit she kept commenting on the unusually excellent treatment she was getting from the nurses and the nurse aides. This reminded me of my stay at your hospital for 4 days from 4-18 through 4-22-65. (Room 230).

I had never received such excellent service in my life and I have been in several hospitals. Every nurse, LPN, and nurse aide - as well as all of the sisters - smiled constantly, spoke gently and cheerfully, were reassuring and optimistic. Everyone was so helpful, I was always informed why my diet was as it was, why I could have no water, when my medicines would be working, what time I would be awakened and what was going to happen to me tomorrow.

I had occasion to use my night light during the day as well as in the middle of the night and every time it was answered immediately. I had my back rubbed many times and turned down many other back rub offers. Even the girls who mopped up the room were quiet, thorough, helpful and cheerful. In short, my experience in your hospital was an experience I will never forget. I entered fearing the worst, but your staff made it an enjoyable experience. If I ever have to go to the hospital again, I hope it is in St. Cloud.

Please remember me to all the girls who work in room 230 and thank them for making my period of hospitalization a pleasant one. They brought a little sunshine into my life and I am sure they do this every day. People appreciate this.

Yours truly,

Francis T. Lynch
Manager

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THEODORE V. PARRAN, M. D. 2/25/65
Dear Sirs -
May I say "Thank you" for both my wife and myself for the friendly, skilful care you provided during my wife's recent illness.
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RE 2-9500
Sincerely yours,
T. V. Parran, M.D.

..... We, my wife, our children and I, want you and your staff to know how pleasant we found it dealing with St. Cloud Hospital. We feel you have an exceptional institution in all respects. The recent improvements, which are obviously administrative, were especially noteworthy. Keep up the good work.
John J. Zohn
Minneapolis, Minn.

This brings to each one of you
Straight from the heart
A very warm Thank You
But that's just the start
For now

Thank you again for the wonderful attention you extended. The people of St. Cloud are certainly fortunate to have such facilities in their city.
Yours truly
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Jolin
Livonia, Michigan

JUST THOUGHT WE'D ASK ---

What Do You Think Of The New Time Clocks???



Mrs. C. Borman
Head Nurse

"I have worked with time clocks before so they aren't new to me. As a head nurse I like them because it means less work for me when I have to total time cards."



Leo Pohl
Laboratory

"It is O.K. but you can't reason with it, explain to it or 'make deals' with it. It just doesn't listen."



Franklin Pallansch
Porter

"It is a real fast method of checking in and out and doesn't require much pencil work."



John Augustin
X-Ray

"Since the time clocks have been put in I am getting less sleep. My life has been reformed --- I am to work on time every day now."



Ronald Shay
Laundry

"There is no getting around it -- it's there waiting for you if you are late for work."



Mrs. E. Merkling
Personnel

"I like the time clocks. The time cards now have correct information regarding hours worked, when vacations, holidays and days off are actually taken. This is a big help when figuring out the payroll."

School of Nursing



Left to right - Carol Mockenhaupt, Mary Rodel, Brigit O'Rourke, Ralph Kiffmeyer, standing.

With a new school year well under way the newly elected officers are taking up the duties of their recently assumed posts. The governing body of the student council is led by Ralph Kiffmeyer as President, Sharon Norquist as Vice-president with Roberta Haen, Secretary and Louise Grossman, Treasurer. There are also two representatives from each class in this group. The Freshman, Junior and Senior classes have had their elections:

Senior officers are:

Mary Rodel President
Mary Jill Cramer Vice-president
Rita Hirsch Secretary
Judy Hoffman Treasurer

Junior officers are:

Brigit O'Rourke President
Sister Rosario Vice-president
Janice Pitschka Secretary
Dorothy Schwankl Treasurer

Freshman officers are:

Carol Mockenhaupt President
Beverly Molitor Vice-president
Barbara Ahmann Secretary
Leona Meyer Treasurer

Sister Leonelle and eleven other nurse educators from Minnesota and North Dakota flew to San Antonio, Texas, compliments of the United States Air Force Recruitment Service. A few highlights of her trip included an interesting tour of the Flight Nursing School which prepares the nurses for flight duty, a fascinating look at the research center at Brooks Air Force Base, where some studies are being done on the nation's space projects, and a tour of the Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland Air Force Base. She also visited the San Jose Mission and Our Lady of the Lake College for girls. One evening she enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Cosa Rica restaurant which is a riverboat that travels the San Antonio River. Sister Leonelle was overwhelmed with the Air Force hospitality and she feels this was a most rewarding and interesting trip. We all envy you this rich experience, Sister, and wish we could have tagged along.

An extension course in Educational Measurement will be taught by Sister Mary David, O. S. B. of St. Benedict's College to the faculties of the School of Nursing, Anesthesia, X-Ray and Medical Technology. The course will include eighteen two-hour sessions beginning Tuesday, October 11.

A Nursing Recruitment Tea will be given the afternoon of October 22 at the School of Nursing. It is sponsored by the Stearns - Benton County Women's Medical Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the Council of Catholic Nurses was held Sunday, September 25, at the St. Cloud School of Nursing. Father John R. Sheets, S. J. of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota spoke on "Love in the Gospel of St. John."

Safety Sammy's



Do you become alarmed when you hear the "Doctor Red" announcement?

YOU SHOULD NOT!



Your response should be one of calm, complete confidence in yourself, and in your fellow employees.

Since October is designated as FIRE PREVENTION month, we feel it would be well to stress the DO'S and DON'TS during our fire alerts.

If the fire is in your immediate area

DO

1. Remove anyone in immediate danger.
2. Confine the fire by closing the door.
3. Report the fire to the hospital operator.
 - a. Indicate location of fire.
 - b. Your name.
 - c. Is the fire out.
4. Close all doors in your area.
5. Fight fire with proper extinguisher.

If the fire is not in your immediate area

DO

1. Close all doors.
2. Check to see that all fire escape exits are accessible.
3. Instruct visitors to remain with the patient until the alert is over.
4. Remain in the area you are in, unless the scene of the fire is your assigned station. NO ONE is to go off duty during an alert.
5. Stay calm.

Are you acquainted with the fire fighting equipment in your working area?
Do you know WHERE the fire extinguishers are?
Do you know how to USE them?

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